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PROF. KOSAMBI LAUDS PEACE CONFERENCE

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(Text)

Peking, Aug. 6--A lively, informative account of the preparatory meeting for the peace conference of the Asian and Pacific regions--held in Peking in June--is contained in an article by Prof. D.D. Kosambi, vice president of the All-India Peace Council, which has received wide publicity in India. Prof. Kosambi was leader of the Indian delegation to the preparatory meeting and his article was carried in many Indian papers and periodicals.

"The formal opening was most impressive," he writes. "The delegates observed the seriousness of their task from the very outset. In his speech opening the conference and welcoming the delegates, Kuo Mo-jo pointed to the serious position in Asia, the crucial position of Asia and the Pacific region in the world peace problem, the need for solidarity between the peoples of the countries represented, their total populations being over 1.5 billion, more than half the world's population."

After outlining the proceedings at the conference, he describes how the manifesto was drawn up. "It appears in print as a calm and innocuous document," he says, "but remember that it passed through many radical changes; it wasn't voted in by a majority; every person present finally agreed without reservation that it represented fairly the principles for which he or she stood. There may be some question of phrasing or literary effects; many would have liked to see a shorter declaration, some only of principles, some more fire; but the great achievement was that all agreed, in the end."

Differences Ironed Out

He enumerates some of the different views expressed in the conference and tells how all differences were smoothed out in discussion. "This is the great achievement of our conference," he points out. "They all really agreed * * * when one sees the extraordinary divergence in the political and social backgrounds of the delegates, there is no doubt that this is unique even in the annals of the peace movement, though undoubtedly the world peace movement will soon surpass this achievement, having made gigantic strides in the 3 years of its life."

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Ta Pu-sheng, of the Hui nationality, an Imam, presided over the conference. In his opening speech, he said that such a conference would have been quite impossible under the old regimes, when the Moslem nationalities were oppressed and persecuted for their religious beliefs.

But now, he went on, the People's Government was giving encouragement and assistance to the minority nationalities, including those of Moslem faith, with scrupulous attention, paying due respect to their religions and customs. "The People's Republic of China is a big family which embraces its nationalities, all standing as equals, in friendship. Only in this family can such a conference take place."

Delegates Relate Experiences

Many delegates related their experiences of religious persecution at the hands of the Kuomintang. They all expressed their growing love for the Motherland and their confidence in a great future toward which they are marching hand in hand with the other nationalities of China.

The conference held the unanimous view that the purpose of the Chinese Moslem association should be to develop love for the Motherland, assist the People's Government in implementing its policy of freedom of religious faith, and participate in the movement for the defense of world peace. The preparatory Committee was elected to pave the way for the founding of the Association.

Chang Hsi-jo, vice chairman of the Committee of Political and Legal Affairs under the Government Administration Council, and Ulanfu, vice chairman of the Commission of Nationalities Affairs, attended the conference.

Ulanfu pointed out that the preparatory meeting was permeated with patriotism, and said that all efforts made in the interest of the State and people will undoubtedly be supported by the people.

The conference was called on the initiative of eight prominent Moslems, including Saifudin and Mohammed Makin. It was attended by 53 delegates from all parts of the country, who, like the members on the preparatory committee, belong to various Moslem nationalities in China.

Mohammedanism as a religion has more than a 1000-year history in China. Ten national minorities in China, including the Hui, Uighur, Kazakh, and Uzbek, are Moslems.

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MIAO REPRESENTATIVES MEET IN HUNAN

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(Summary)

Changsha, Aug. 4--The first People's Representative Conference of All Circles of the Miao Autonomous Region in west Hunan was held on Aug. 1 in Chiencheng Hsien, Hunan Province. Five hundred seventy-two persons representing the Miao, Han, and Jui people of 10 hsien under the jurisdiction of the West Hunan Miao Autonomous Region attended the meeting, together with representatives of the Commission of the Affairs of Nationalities of the Central People's Government, the Central and South China Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party, and the Hunan Provincial People's Government.

Reconstruction Program Formulated

The People's Representative Conference of All Circles inaugurated the People's Government for the West Hunan Minority Autonomous Region, formulated a program for reconstruction of the autonomous region, and elected members of the consultative committee of the People's Representative Conference of All Circles of the autonomous region. Ten hsien are under the jurisdiction of the Miao Autonomous Region of West Hunan, including Yungui, Fenghuang, Chiencheng, Kuchang, Paoching, Luchi, Tayung, Sangchih, Lanshan, and Yungshun, with a total population of 1.5 million, among which 300,000 are Miao.

COMMITTEE FOR ISLAMIC SOCIETY NAMED

Peking, NCNA, in Chinese Numeral Code to the Press, Aug. 4, 1952, 1310
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(Text)

Peking, Aug. 4--Below are the names of the chairman, vice chairmen, committee members, secretary general, and vice secretary generals of the preparatory committee of the China Islamic Society:

Chairman, Pao Erh-han, Uigur; Vice Chairmen Ta Pu-sheng (Numeral Code 6671 3184 3932), Mohammedan, and Yang Ching-jen (2799 7234 0088), Mohammedan;

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Committee members: Ma Chien (7456 1017), Mohammedan; Peng Shih-chien (1690 1102 6197), Mohammedan; Ma Yu-yu (7456 3768 2859), Mohammedan; I-ming-ma-ho-lu-mu (0181 2494 7456 0678 5684 2606), Uigur; A-pu-tu-je-hsi-ti (7093 0008 6757 3583 6007 2251), Uigur; Ho-chia-ni-ya-tzu-aw-chi (0149 0502 1441 3660 1320 7093 0679, Uigur; Ko-lo-i-pa-ha (0344 ... 0181 1572 5902 0761), Kazakh; Hsia-ko-erh (1115 0344 3643), Tartar; Yu-nu-ssu (3768 0505 2448), Uzbek; Chao Yun-lung (6392 7189 7893), Mohammedan; Ma Chen-wu (7456 7201 2976), Mohammedan; Ma Chung-yung (7456 6850 7167) Mohammedan; Fat-tzu ... (3127 4179, (Uigur); Ma Chen-tung (7456 2182 2639), Mohammedan; Ma Ming-chi (7456 2494 1015); Ma Ping-fu (7456 1627 3940), Mohammedan, Tunghsiang people; Ma Pei-chin (7456 1014 7230), Sara; Chang Yu-chen (1728 3768 3791), Mohammedan; Ma Chi-shan (7456 2978 1472), Mohammedan;

Wen Hsiao-ho (3306 1421 7729), Mohammedan; Ma Chien-chih (7456 0256...), Mohammedan; Yu Chuan-yung (0151 1317 3056), Mohammedan; Ma Chung-wei (7456 1813 0143), Mohammedan; Yang Ming-yuan (2799 2494 6678), Mohammedan; Pai Shou-i (4101 1108 1744), Mohammedan; Wang Hsiao-hsi (3769 4607 3305), Mohammedan; Liu Pin-yi (0491 0756 0001), Mohammedan; Kan Chung-lei (3927 2504 7191), Mohammedan; Ma Cheng (7456 2052), Mohammedan; Chen Ching-yu (7115 4842 3974), Mohammedan; Ma Yun-wu (7456 6663 0063), Mohammedan; Ma Ching-lien (7456 2529 1670), Mohammedan; Ma Pei-san (7802 0160 0005), Mohammedan; Tsung Ti-tang (1350 2769 2768), Mohammedan; Yang Te-chung (2799 1795 2504), Mohammedan; Pai Feng-yuan (4101 7685 0337), Mohammedan; and Ma Shih-fen (7456 0013 5358), Mohammedan;

Secretary General Ma Yu-huai (7456 3768 2849); and Vice Secretary Generals Ma Chien (7456 1017) and Chang Yu-chen (1728 3768 3791).

STATE PLANS TO ASSURE FULL EMPLOYMENT

Peking, NCNA, in Chinese Numeral Code to the Press, Aug. 3, 1952, 0350 GMT--B

(Text)

Peking, Aug. 3--The resolutions of the Government Administration Council of the Central People's Government on the problem of labor employment:

PLANS FOR MOSLEM ASSOCIATION CITED

Peking, NCNA, in English Morse to Europe and North America, Aug. 5, 1952,
1632 GMT--W

(Text)

Peking, Aug. 5--A preparatory conference for a Chinese Moslem association took place here between July 27 and 31. The conference elected a 40-member preparatory committee, headed by Pao Erh-han, of the Uighur nationality, now chairman of the Provincial People's Government of Sinkiang.